

Public Comment

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Hi, my name is Jason Xu. I am a long time resident of Evergreen, involved in many local associations and activities.

I have participated and led many facility building and usage projects in my line of work. So I know how difficult it could be. I want to express my sincere thanks to all members of this committee, and EVP for their efforts and time, for the purpose of improving our quality of life in Evergreen.

Based on information available to me, I CAN NOT support the current plan, (which put 2000 homes in Campus Industrial Sites), NOR can I recommend support from my neighbors, friends, and neighborhood associations.

The reasons are below.

Several years ago, I was in a meeting with a group of developers, who want to have inputs from residents on what they want to see in Campus Industrial sites. I recall, one of the top requirement were to have equal or larger lots than current ones. The current design jams 2,000 homes into 320 acres in Campus Industrial sites, which doubled the density of home per acre. This is against our wishes.

Second, with that many homes to be built, I don't see enough traffic improvements at surface level to get to Interstate 101. Counting new homes East of White road, we have total 3,800 new homes. With two cars per family, there will be about 7,600 more cars east of White road trying to get to work and back!

Thirdly, I don't see enough space reserved for parks and schools. School and park can't share one space. With 2,000 home to be built, we need a separate space reserved for school or park.

Evergreen community wants to have a multi-purpose sport complex, but not at expense of a neighborhood park. The priority would be school, park and then sport facility. If we do have the land and funding available for a sport facility, it should cover baseball, soccer, tennis, and basketball, the four most popular sports for kids today. A multi-purpose complex has much better usage.

I also want to point out for the committee members who represent interests of Evergreen. In your discussion with various other groups, remember that we do have an option of "do nothing". Keep status quo is perfectly fine. Don't mistakenly interpret that the sentiment against Campus Industrial several years ago. It is against the type of business (such as car garage, light manufacturing, etc) it could bring. I do believe the Evergreen community is OK with Research building, such as Hitachi.

Lastly, I want to say my sincere thanks to our councilman Dave Cortese. You must be crazy to bring so many groups together to try to work out a compromise. However, you almost go it done. Without the interruption from the Mayor, we may have an acceptable solution already. Having said that, I do believe that with your leadership, a "win-win" solution is possible. Having you living in Evergreen, we fully expect you will represent our interests in this land use decision, and the ultimate goal, to preserve the quality of life in Evergreen. Thank you all for listening.